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Allin's Cove 1938



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**August 31, 2005
6 p.m. at the end of Willow Way
(In the event of driving rain, will meet in
the Barrington Library Auditorium)**

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On August 31, 2005 representatives from CRMC, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Town of Barrington, and Green Seal Environmental, Inc., will meet with the public to summarize the Allin's Cove Wetlands Restoration Project. The meeting will be on-site at the end of Willow Way, Barrington, RI, at 6 p.m. on August 31, 2005. We will present the final restoration plans, the tentative work schedule, and answer questions about the project.

About the Project:

Salt marshes provide important feeding habitats for migratory and local species of aquatic birds and serve as spawning habitat and nurseries for invertebrates and fish. The disposal of dredge material in Allin's Cove in 1959 raised the wetland surface that, in turn, changed the salt marsh to a brackish marsh dominated by common reed grass (*Phragmites australis*). *Phragmites* is an invasive species that is not suitable wildlife habitat. Salt marsh

habitat restoration at Allin's Cove will have great ecological benefits.

The proposed project will restore of 3.6 acres of salt marsh and protection of the existing salt marsh along the western edge of the cove. The project will also prevent erosion of Byway Road by relocating the tidal inlet to the cove to the approximate 1939 inlet location. New beach strand habitat will be created on both sides of the new inlet.

What to expect:

The contractor will arrive at the site in the next week or two. They will set up the project staging area on the north side of the path off Third Street. The first thing that the contractor will do is clear the vegetation from the restoration and staging area. This will take about a week. They will be bringing in equipment, and setting up trailers at the staging area. Once that is set, the digging will start. During construction, access to the restoration area will be blocked. This will be an inconvenience, but worth it with the improved habitat and wider beach that all will enjoy next spring.

What can you do?

Besides being patient through the construction, the Allin's Cove Neighborhood Coalition and Save the Bay will need volunteers to plant *Spartina* salt marsh plants after the completion of the earth moving portion of the project. Look for calls for volunteers in the Allin's Cove Neighborhood Coalition Newsletter this spring or contact Sandra Wyatt at the Allin's Cove Neighborhood Coalition, 401-246-0747 or Janet Freedman at CRMC, 401-783-3370. There will also be some opportunity to monitor the progress of the marsh restoration and beach replenishment for three years after the restoration.